New industrial units in Assam

501. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals formulated and being implemented by Government for setting up various Industrial units in Assam during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the achievements/progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The New Industrial Policy and other concessions in the North Eastern Region has been notified for promotion of industries in the North Eastern States including Assam. The main component of New Industrial Policy and other concessions for the North Eastern Region are (i) Growth Centre Scheme (ii) Transport Subsidy Scheme (iii) Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme (iv) Central Interest Subsidy Scheme (v) Central Comprehensive Insurance Scheme. The Statement of progress made is enclosed.

Statement

Financial progress of Growth Centres in North East States as on 28.02.2002

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl No.	Name of State, Growth Centre District	Amount of Central Release	Amount Released by States & its Agencies	Total expenditure
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH			
1	Nikluk-Ngorlung(East Siang)	148 00	137.50	225.38
	ASSAM			
2.	Matia (Goalpara)	250 00	139 91	264 18
3.	Chariduar (Sonitpur)	300.00	179.85	350 77
	MANIPUR			
4.	Lamlai-Napet (Imphal)	150.00	126.59	8.56
	MEGHALAYA			
5.	Mendhipattar (East Garo Hills)	50.00	—	—
	MIZORAM			
6.	Luangmual (Aizawl)	300.00	160.44	231.15
	NAGALAND			
7	Ganeshnagar (Kohima)	1500.00	320.25	1565.25
	TRIPURA			
8	Bodhjangnagar (West Tripura)	570.00	—	379.09

Subsidy released in favour of the Govt. of Assam

(Rupees in Lakh)

Name of the Scheme	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02 (upto 28.2.2002)
1. Transport Subsidy Scheme	2548.61	1250.53	1195.24	1669.00*	1118.00*
2. Central Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme	—	—	—	—	366.00*
3. **Central Interest Subsidy Scheme	—	—	—	—	—
4. **Central Comprehensive Insurance Scheme	—	—	—	—	—

*As per the details of disbursement furnished by NEDFi, which is the authorised nodal agencyfor disbursement of subsidies in North East Region.

**The scheme is yet to take off.

Impact of FDI on food retailing sector

502. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Adverse impact of FDI in retailing foreseen" which appeared in The Hindu dated the 24th November, 2001;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to save food and non-food retailers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the extant policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is not permitted in retail trading.

Liquidation of tea estate by tea trading corporation of India

503. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Trading Corporation of India was prayed before the honourable Calcutta High Court to put Putung va-tukvar and Peshok tea estates in liquidation;